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- (a) The Secretary may issue a permit to an applicant that authorizes an incidental taking of the endangered Delmarva fox squirrel if:
- (1) The applicant submits a conservation plan to the Department that specifies:
- (i) The impact that will likely result from the incidental taking;
- (ii) The steps that the applicant will take to minimize and mitigate the impact;
 - (iii) The funding that will be available to implement the steps;
- (iv) The alternative actions to the incidental taking that the applicant considered and the reasons that the alternatives were not used; and
- (v) Any other measures that the Secretary requires as being necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the plan; and
 - (2) The Secretary finds that:
- (i) The incidental taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival or recovery of the Delmarva fox squirrel in the wild;
- (ii) The applicant will, to the extent practicable, minimize and mitigate the impacts of the incidental taking;
- (iii) Adequate funding for the conservation plan is available and the plan will be implemented; and
- (iv) The applicant has obtained the required federal authorization for the incidental taking of the Delmarva fox squirrel.
- (b) The Secretary may adopt regulations to implement and enforce this section.

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